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SUBJECT: I-134 AFFIDAVITS OF SUPPORT FOR REFUGEES APPLYING
FOR IMMIGRANT VISAS

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 2991 (NOTAL)

1. REFTTEL PARA 4 NOTED THAT PETITIONERS WERE OFTEN
RELUCTANT TO FILE AFFIDAVITS OF SUPPORT (I-134) FOR
REFUGEE BENEFICIARIES OF I-130 IMMIGRANT VISA PETITIONS,
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SINCE THEY FELT THAT STATEMENT ON AFFIDAVIT THAT BENEFICI-
ARY WOULD NOT BECOME PUBLIC CHARGE WOULD PRECLUDE HIM FROM
RECEIVING ALL FORMS OF U.S. DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE FOR WHICH
PAROLE REFUGEE MIGHT QUALIFY.

2. DISCUSSIONS WITH HEW AND INS INDICATE THAT STATEMENT
REGARDING PUBLIC CHARGE DOES NOT PREVENT IMMIGRANT FROM

OBTAINING DOMESTIC BENEFITS. IN ADDITION, HEW IN RECENT RULING HAS NOTIFIED ALL STATE/LOCAL ASSISTANCE OFFICES THAT ALL INDOCHINESE REFUGEES ENTERING U.S. AFTER APRIL 1975 (WITH EXCEPTION OF THOSE ALREADY GRANTED CITIZENSHIP) WILL BE ENTITLED TO APPLY FOR DOMESTIC BENEFITS. PAYMENTS MADE LOCALLY WILL BE REIMBURSED BY HEW. MOST STATE/LOCAL AID PROGRAMS GRANT WAIVERS TO REFUGEES PERTAINING TO

RESIDENCY, WAITING TIMES AND CURTAILMENT OF BENEFITS TO SINGLE INDIVIDUALS. OTHER THAN THIS, THERE IS NO SPECIAL DIRECT FEDERAL ASSISTANCE EXCEPT FOR LANGUAGE TRAINING.

3. SINCE BENEFITS TO IMMIGRANT AND PAROLE REFUGEES ARE THE SAME, YOU SHOULD ENCOURAGE REFUGEES TO GET RELATIVES WHO ARE AMERICAN CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS TO SUBMIT I-130 PETITIONS WHICH WILL GIVE REFUGEE IMMIGRANT IMMEDIATE STATUS AS PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIEN, WHILE PAROLEES MUST WAIT TWO FULL YEARS. PRA STATUS CAN OPEN ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES NOT AVAILABLE TO PAROLEES. ADDITIONALLY, USE OF IMMIGRANT PETITIONS FREES MORE NUMBERS FOR PAROLE. VANCE

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